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Andrew Wellman
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Re: Leon County Courthouse
Road Crossing/Jack & Bore

Andrew,

Vause Mechanical Contracting, Inc. has looked at the Jack and Bore across Calhoun Street. We had (1) Jack and Bore contractor look at doing this work. Based on what we have seen, collectively, we are telling you Jack and Bore of this street at this location is not a viable option. Vause Mechanical says this for several reasons:

1. To Jack and Bore, Vause Mechanical would have to do it from Bank of America ramp to get the rig set-up where it needs to be. We would excavate below retaining wall footers. This means additional monies are required to provide a safe/shored and accessible area.
2. There are 16 marked obstructions crossing us and Vause Mechanical has been informed there are more that have not been marked as of yet. These are known, no one knows what else is there. Many of these are sprint fiber optic mains and are at various elevations. The Jack and Bore contractor said they would accept no liability if they hit something. Chances are they would not know until it was to late

The Jack and Bore contractor will exclude liability which brings it to Vause Mechanical and we would exclude as well. No one wants liability for potentially losing telephone/communication to South Leon County and Wakulla County. In addition if Vause Mechanical were to hit something, water, gas, telecommunication, electrical, storm or sewer, we would have to do an emergency road closure for an undetermined number of days until we could find and repair the problem. In essence Vause Mechanical would end up doing a road closure, for an undetermined amount of time, which is what Vause Mechanical has been asking for. The difference is ours has a total time table of 18 days; 18 days and we turn it over paved and ready for full usage.

3. Jack and Bore will not eliminate the need for a road closure, as there is a large volume of work to be done on the courthouse side of Calhoun Street. This work cannot be done safely without closing the road. There is only 12' from edge of courthouse to curb in the location we are to work.

An open cut is the safest, economical and logical way to do this work. Vause Mechanical has done underground work for 45-50 years. This is not a job that can be done any other way.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at 850/575-4563

Thank you,



Keith Vause
Project Manager